

**Difference between Iowa School Boards Foundation (ISBF)
and National School Boards Association NSBA**

The Iowa School Boards Foundation is the research arm of the Iowa Association of School Boards. The National School Foundation Association exists for the purpose of helping schools around the country create their own fundraising foundations. These two entities are entirely separate and their goals are completely different.

ISBF exists to perform research that benefits school boards and school districts. ISBF is known across the country and internationally for extensive research on the role of school boards on increasing student achievement. ISBF also does valuable work for Iowa school boards, such as creating student achievement data tracking tools, studying issues like preschool and the impact of reorganization on student achievement, and analyzing the effectiveness of different types of assessments used in schools.

The National School Foundation Association is very different, and is no longer part of IASB. It works to help school districts create their own local foundations that raise money for schools.